MULTIPLE SIGHTING

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 31 Aug - 6 Sep 60	David City, Nebraska		12. CONCLUSIONS D Was Balloon Probably Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Localdifferent times CMT 5. PHOTOS C Y • •	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATIO	D Ground-Radar D Air-Intercept Radar	Possibly Balloon Was Aircraft Probably Aircraft Possibly Aircraft Was Astronomical Probably Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION various times	3. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		Prob atmospheric re- Other fraction Insufficient Data for Evaluation Unknown
Object sighted by 24 people. Each story differed somewhat. All agreed that it changed color from red, blue, green yellow and white. Some thought blue color was exhaust. All but one indicated object was spinning or at least showed signs of movement.		The descriptions of the object fit those of objects which have been effected by atmospheric refraction. There were many bright planets and stars in positions which coincide with those given by the witnesses. It is probable that the cause of this sighting was atmospheric refraction of common astronomical objects. This case is therefore classed as "Other" due to it resulting from the phenomena of atmospheric refraction.	

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informed the State Police about a circular object which they had seen hovering too feet or so above the ground near a local high school. The object was flat on the bottom with a protuberance on the top. There were red, green, and white lights around the circumference of the saucer, and a flashing red light on top. The UFO finally flaw off with a sound that resembled.

"Ballute" Test Successful

Balloon To Be Used On Space Capsules

A rubber-coated fabric balloon was launched successfully in a Wright Air Development division (WADD) test yesterday over the Eglin gulf test range in Florida.

Scientists foresee using the balloon, nicknamed "Ballute" to cover space capsules, retard their tumbling and control their speed.

Nine-feet in diameter, the balloon was developed by Goodyear Aircraft company of Akron.

"Bailute" blossomed forth when inflated at an altitude of 150.000 feet—its zenith—and at a speed of more than 112 times the speed of sound.

A second firing of the balloon is scheduled in three weeks. Yesterday's boosting mechanism was a Cree and two Nikes. A third Nike is expected to accelerate the speed to three times the speed of sound and boost the height to 200,000 feet, during the next firing

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Source: Flying Saucer Review (Jul-Aug 63)

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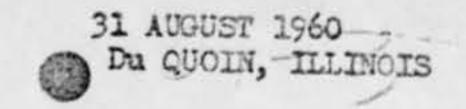
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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WASHINGTON 25, D. C. April 20, 1961

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION, USAF

SUBJECT: Referral of Correspondence

The inclosed correspondence is forwarded for consideration and appropriate action to include direct reply to the writer who has not been notified of this referral. Information copy of your reply is not requested.

Incl: Ltr dtd April 17 STEVE ERDMANN St. Louis, Missouri

Directorate for Special Activities
ouri Room 2D 776, The Pentagon
Liberty 5-6700, Ext. 76462

Staff Assistant

H33878

25 April 1961

Dear Mr.

Your letter of April 17 addressed to a Lt Colonel Erickson concerning unidentified flying objects has been referred to this office.

In your letter you direct our attention to a sighting which occurred almost eight months ago. From the information you furnish, it appears that the observer saw a white type, anti-collision rotating beacon used on some civil airliners. This light is of strobe intensity and rotates at the speed mentioned in your letter. Due to slant range visibility through the atmosphere (increased density), the strobe type light waves are bent and filtered, thereby creating colors of the spectrum with red being the longest and strongest. Atmospheric filtration would account further for the disappearance of the light for a time. (An excellent demonstration of this phenomena can be seen when the planet Venus nears the horizon prior to its "setting.") Also the planet Jupiter, and Venus as well, can be seen to perturbrate from position (this is referred to as apparent perturbration). These two planets will also appear in several varying colors as they near the horizon; another demonstration of the effect of slant range filtration through a relatively dense atmospheric envelope.

A recent flurry of "flying saucer" reports from the Florida coast in the vicinity of Fort Pierce, Florida, produced the same type of report as you quote in your letter. We "acquired" a target on our Atlantic Missile Range radars and also a visual. The Air Force "scrambled" pair of powerful binoculars and when within fifty miles of the target, "glowing white oscillating light which changes color at times," he looked more reports came in from ground observers and two airline pilots. The he looked through his glasses, he saw another jet airliner with the same type of light. This was Delta DC-8 flight #822 inbound for Miami

A check with the Director of the Adler Planetarium in Chicago reveals that they are not compiling data on the sighting you mention. As a matter of fact, the Planetarium stipulated they knew nothing about this sighting.

Mr. The previous letters to you, I am enclosing the latest news release on the subject of unidentified flying objects. You must realize that we do not have the personnel or the time to accomplish the monumental task of opening up the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center's UFO files to all those who ask. However, we do permit bonafide news media representatives to have access to these files when they so request - as many have done.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM T. COLEMAN Major, USAF Public Information Division Office of Information

St. Louis 11, Missouri

St. Louis 11, missour april 17, 1961. It. Col. Peter A. Erickson. Personal Services Branch office of Public Services Pice of the assistant Secretary of Defense Department of Defense Washington 25 D.C. Dear It. Col. Frickson: tying objects or V.F. U'S. Untille like to oftain our governments In September 2, 1960 a article entitled "St. Louisar. ports seeing UFO Un illinois "appeared un the It tous Globe - Democrat newspaper Informing the

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: ping three. I also have a clipping of the story here at my residence a) you can sel, Un looking at the articl a tracking camera Un chicago has a Photo-graph of the "Object" and that alders I lanelarium is compiling do of a somewhat copious nature. Recently I have been avered, somewhat supercitionshy, the our government well hold and has held nothing dack. from the Public concerning the Jubject of U.F.O. This. an official Un washington. Constently our government sta Il facts will be given out when ever wanted. Therefore, &, united states citizen, demand a copy of the Photo taken of "So-called" non-existent things and a summe the Unformation gather by an placomens. your coo ation and attention will be greatly appreciated. Your Lear from me soon of no answer to recieved from your Alncere Cy; uce a hankyou

page Four. of the light, he said. It was traveling much far than Coho (the U.S. balloon satellite), perhaps the times as fast and uts orbit was different from that fa Pussian or american satellite not know about, he sa. Whaven't the remetest idea what It was. The similarified Flying object has been Photographe by a tracking camera un chicago, and adler's Pla - arium Un chicago W compiling data - Part of Uli trained from amateur astronomers over the nation-Mout at appearance, timing and orbit: me wille son, district manager of sweets catalogue secorce, adi - ision of F.W. Dodge Corporation, lives at 8008 orlan h., clayton maute. copys of this news cupping can be obtained from papers at I. in sudding of the Globe - Democrat down town St. Louis,

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ITES ARE COMPARISONS OF OBJECTS HELD AT ARMS LENGTH. (3) ALL SERVERS AGREED IT CHANGED COLOR FROM RED- BLUE-GREEN-YELLOW AND TITE, (4) IN ALL CASES ONLY ONE WAS OBSERVED. (5) N/A. NO DISCERNIBLE FEATURES OR DETAILS. (7) SEVERAL OBSERVERS HOUGHT THE BLUE COLOR REPRESENTED EXHAUST AND APPEARED WHEN THE JECT STARTED MANEUVERS. THIS EXHAUST APPEARED TO BE APPROXIMATELY THE SAME SIZE AS THE OBJECT. (8) NO SOUND HEARD. (9) ALL BUT BE OBSERVER (E) INDECATED THE OBJECT WAS SPINNING OR AT LEAST MONED SIGNS OF MOVEMENT. B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT (S): (1) OBSERVER (A) WAS LOOKING AT THE NIGHT SKY TO OBSERVE THE ECHO SATELLITE AND NOTICED THE OBJECT. (2) OBJECT APPEARED AT AN TIMUTH OF APPROXIMATELY 30 DEGREES AND AN ELEVATION OF TREE TOP EVEL. ONE OBSERVER (E) SAW IT AT AN ANGLE OF 45 DEGREES AND EMUTH OF 290. (3) THE OBJECT DID NOT DISAPPEAR BUT ROSE TO ELEVATION OF 45 TO 55 DEGREES (OBSERVERS A-D) OBSERVER E TATED IT DESCENDED TO APPROXIMATELY 30 DEGREES. (4) OBSERVERS -D STATED OBJECT ROSE TO APPROXIMATELY 45 TO 55 DEGREES AND THEN PERFORMED A SERIES OF ERRATIC MANEUVERS, HOWEVER, STAYING IN THE GENERAL AREA. OBSERVER E STATED THE OBJECT DID NO EUVERING BUT MOVED IN A STRAIGHT LINE. (5) OBSERVER E DID

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OF WATCH IT DISAPPEAR. OBSERVERS A-D HAVE WATCHED THE OBJECT

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CLAS 98DCOI 9-663. "UFO". SUB: REPORT OF UFO.

LLOWING REPORT SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PAR 15 AFR 200-2.

DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT(S): (1) NOTE: SEE PAR F FOR

INTIFICATION OF OBSERVERS. THREE OBSERVERS (A-C) STATED IT WAS

CER SHAPED WHEN VIEWED WITH THE NAKED EYE AND INVERTED V SHAPED

IN VIEWED THROUGH TELESCOPE. ONE OBSERVER (D) STATED IT WAS

CER SHAPED, STANDING ON END, ONE (E) STATED BALL SHAPED.

INO OBSERVERS (A&B) STATED IT WAS SMALLER THAN A DIME ,

BOBSERVER (C) STATED IT WAS SLIGHTLY SMALLER THAN A HALF DOLLAR,

BESERVER (E) STATED IT WAS THE SIZE OF A GRAPEFRUIT. THESE

20000 FT 290 DEGREES/20 KTS MINUS 10 DEGREES C
30000 FT 290 DEGREES/25KTS MINUS 34 DEGREES C
50000 FT 290 DEGREES/55KTS MINUS 68 DEGREES C
80000 FT UNKNOWN UNKNOWN

OF COLUD COVER: NONE. (4) VISIBILITY: 10 PLUS MILES. (5) AMOUNT
OF COLUD COVER: NONE. (6) THUNDERSTORMS: NONE. (7) TEMPER ASTERICK
ATURE GRADIENT: APPROX 2 DEGREES PER 1000 FT. H. NO UNUSUAL METERORLOL
GICAL CONDITIONS. I. LOCATION OF FLIGHT OF WEATHER BALLOONS: NONE.
COMMENTS OF REPORTING OFFICER: FROM FACTS OF THE PRELIMINARY
REPORT THE CAUSE OR IDENTITY IS AT PRESENT UNKNOW, THERE IS A
POSSIBILITY THAT THE PHENOMENON COULD IN, AT PRESENT, AN UNEXPLAINABLE
MANNER, BE CAUSED FROM LIGHTS FROM THE GROUND. A COUNTY FAIR

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HAS BEEN GOING ON IN THE TWON OF COLUMBUS 15 NAUTICAL MILES NW OF BAVID CITY, WHICH COULD POSSIBLY HAVE SOME CONNECTION. NORMALLY IF GROUND LIGHTS WERE TO CAUSE THIS SORT OF THING THE PRESENCE OF CLOUDS WOULD BE REQUIRED, BUT, THERE HAVE BEEN NO CLOUDS IN THIS AREA FOR THIS PERIOD. THERE HAS BEEN A VISIBLE PRESENCE OF DUST IN THE AIR HOWEVER. TOTAL OF 16 PEOPLE HAVE OBSERVED THIS LIGHT OF WHICH, 5 WERE PERSONALLY INTERVIEWED. ALL PERSONS SEEM TO BE OF REASONABLE INTELLIGENCE AND WERE APPARENTLY BEING TRUTHFUL ABOUT WHAT THEY SAW.. INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING. AIR FORCE OBSERVERS WILL OBSERVE FOR THE OCCURANCE TONIGHT, 6 SEP. ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN PICTURES WILL ALSO BE MADE.

IMATELY 10 MINUTES. OBSERVERS A-D HAVE SEEN THEIR'S FOR VARYING PERIODS FROM MINUTES TO SEVERAL HOURS. C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION: (1) ALL OBSERVATION GROUND-VISUAL. (2) OBSERVERS A-D USED 80 POWER TELESCOPE AND 7X10 BINOCULARS. (3) N/A. D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING: (1) AS STATED IN B. OBJECT SEEN FROM APPROXIMATELY 2215Z TO AS LATE AS 0730Z THE NEXT DAY, OBJECT WAS FIRST SIGHTED 2215Z 31 AUGUST 1960 AND HAS BEEN SEEN NIGHTLY SINCE THEN. OBSERVER E SIGHTED OBJECT 3 SEP 60 AT 2100Z. E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS: OBSERVERS WERE AT 41 DEGREES 15 MINUTES NORTH AND 97 DEGREES 08 MINUTES WET. ALL OBSERVERS WERE IN THE CITY OF DAVID CITY, NEBRASKA. F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER (S): A. , AGE 13, STATE OF THE PARTY, DAVID CITY, STUDENT, 8TH GRADE. INITIAL OBSERVER. BOTTOMER. AGE 17. SAME ADDRESS, HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT (SENIOR). C. MRS , AGE 43, SAME ADDRESS, BEAUTICIAN, MOTHER OF A. AND B. , AGE 52. DAVID CITY, OCC PRITNTER. T, AGE 24 DAVID CITY,

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LS A CERTIFIED TRUE EXTRACT OF THE WEATHER OBSERVATION TAKEN AT

LINCOLN AFB, NEBRASKA, AT 2227 LOCAL STANDARD TIME, 31 AUG 60.

HEIGHT DIRECTION AND VELOCITY TEMPERAGE

SURFACE 180DEGREES/10 KTS PLUS 24 DEGREES C

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PEFERENCE OUR MSG, 98DCOI-9-663, SAME SUBJECT, DATED 8 SEP 50.

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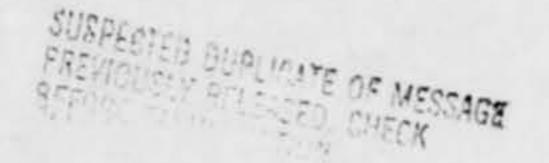
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UFO ANALYSIS SHEET

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